

# **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 03-23, 2023 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL) CHANGES AND THE REMOVAL OF MA-3255, NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CHOICE (NCHC) POLICY**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**Manual:** Family and Children's Medicaid  
**Change No:** 03-23  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services

## **I. BACKGROUND AND CONTENT OF CHANGE**

Federal law requires poverty levels to be adjusted annually on the basis of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This letter issues the 2023 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income limits effective April 1, 2023.

## **II. POLICY UPDATE**

### **A. MA-3255, North Carolina Health Choice (NCHC) policy will be removed from the online NCDHHS Policies and Manuals.**

North Carolina Health Choice (NCHC) is no longer a separate medical assistance program in the state of North Carolina effective April 1, 2023. Eligibility for the following Medicaid programs will be determined for all children ages 0-18:

- Family Planning Program (MAF-D)
- Medicaid Infant/Children (MIC-1) or (MIC-N)
- Categorically Needy (MAF C/N)
- Transitional Medicaid (TMA)

### **B. MA-3321, MAGI Medicaid Income Limits chart has been updated with the 2023 income amounts and Medicaid programs. The following are the changes within the chart.**

1. NC Health Choice program and income limits have been **removed** from the MA-3321 chart.
2. MIC-1 income limit increase from 210% to 211%.

**C. 2023 Federal Poverty Level income is programmed in NC FAST. The system will use appropriate income limits for all applications and recertifications, including retroactive applications months.**

### **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The 2023 FPL income limit increase is effective April 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding information in change notice, please contact your [Medicaid Operational Support Team Representative](#).

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